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## WHAT IS THE ONE THING ALBERTA NEEDS MOST TO-DAY ?

The Gateway has planned a symposium in answer to this question and hopes to present short articles contributed by men prominent in public life of the province. This week we present an article by:

The Hon. ROBERT GEORGE BRETT, M.D., LL.D.,  
Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta.

The Gateway,  
University of Alberta.

Dear Sir:—

The question put restricts me in four ways, i.e.

First.—To **one thing** only.

Second.—To **Alberta**.

Third.—To the **most needed**, and

Fourth.—To **to-day**.

In response I think the one great paramount need is what I have indicated in my New Year's address to the people of the Province, viz. The Practice of Economy and a general whole hearted surrender of all we have and are to the Empire in her need. A baptism of holy patriotic fire for the Empire's struggle for Justice, Right and Liberty, and the overthrow of Military Domination.

Each to answer his conscience,—

How can I best serve the State?

Is what I am doing now the greatest possible help?

Let this momentous thought be faced,—If our Imperial and Allied forces were to be defeated, or even frustrated, where would Canada stand? and where Alberta?

Let that thought sink into every man's soul.

Each man must realize the great personal responsibility resting on him, as one son of the Empire. That no other man can do his work, and if he fails, his work will never be done.

Surely no one worthy of the name of Man will hug the delusion that this is a day for seeking cosy-corners or snug situations or for seeking advantages or securing personal profit..

The cause that calls for our aid is a Holy one. The life of our beloved Empire and Nation is at stake. This is the day of the Hero, there is no place now for the slacker.

When the day of glorious Victory arrives, when all have done their utmost to accomplish this; Then shall we enter upon an enduring period of rejoicing, tranquillity and activity.

Then, as a people upon whom fire has passed, shall we spring forward, renewed and inspired with high resolve to engage all our determination to build, upon well tried and abiding foundations, the individual success we may fairly claim, and to unite, as a people, to develop the incalculable resources of our Province, so as to make it the home of unnumbered thousands of peaceful, contented and successful citizens.

(Signed) R. G. BRETT.

## A SIDELIGHT ON CONDITIONS IN SWEDEN.

### Advance in Agriculture.—Effects of war on Industries, Trade and Commerce.—Economic conditions.

Since the return from our trip to Sweden last Summer, many have asked about conditions in that country at the present time, and this has prompted me to contribute the following to the "Gateway."

The first and most prominent thing to notice is the great wave of prosperity and development of natural resources. A person not acquainted with Sweden would perhaps attribute this advance to the war, but this is far from being so. The progress has been gradual, and particularly marked during the past ten years. The government's effort to utilize the natural resources is being felt and many years of investigating and experimenting is beginning to bring results.

The improvement is perhaps most prominent in agriculture, but is important in both industry and commerce. So, for example, when I lived in Sweden, it was quite necessary to supply lumber camps and labor centres with American salted pork as staple food. During the last few years this product has in the majority of cases given place to home production. Of course, just at present, American foodstuff is hard to obtain owing to war conditions. In the same manner cheese and butter production has increased surprisingly in the last few years. This is particularly true in the case of butter, and a new and profitable export trade in this product goes to Great Britain and Germany.

It is true that large areas in Sweden are unfit for farming owing to rock formation, or as the case is in the north, the climate too cold; and Sweden can therefore never as a whole be compared with the rich, virgin soil of Canada. But Sweden has the advantage of being right at the door of the European market, and can sell to advantage. The government is doing its best in introducing new methods, through the organization called "Hushållnings Sällskapet," (conservation association), and scientific fertilization and cultivation of the soil, which goes a long way to enhance the production. There is a noticeable scarcity of labour, and upon my inquiry to the cause I found that this was mainly due to the advancement of agriculture.

The greatest draw back to Swedish industries has been the lack of coal, a commodity which had to be imported from other countries. In order to lessen this difficulty, the government has encouraged experiments to utilize, first, deep moss in a compressed form as fuel, and second, water falls as electric energy. Profitable results have been obtained in both cases, and trains are now fired in some places with compressed moss, while electric energy from waterfalls is already extensively used in the smelting of ore, driving of heavy trains, and other industrial purposes. Thus the trains on Sweden's most remote railway run with electric power from Porjus. And at Trollhätten, a place I had the opportunity to see, 75,000 H.P. is now developed and used largely for ore smelting, and this capacity will shortly be doubled.

Considerable benefit is derived from the investigations along electrical lines. As an example I may quote the Swedish General Electric Company, which reorganized last summer into a thirty million kr. concern, and had orders enough ahead for next ten years, with the greater part going into Russia. At two country places I visited last summer, even the farmers had become interested in electricity and had

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## ALBERTA COLLEGE

Well and here we are back to work once more. It will be work in earnest this time for we are now facing the last half of our year's work. But after all the good things and pleasant times of the Christmas holidays we are better fitted for our tasks, and hope to make good success when the time for the finals arrives.

The past year has seen many things occur, some bright, some dark. It has been a year of lights and shades. Not a few of us are hoping that 1917 will mean the arrival of brighter and happier days for the world. But after all hopes and wishes minus effort are not worth very much. A determined effort on the part of all to realize the best will aid materially in the bringing in of

the happier days for which we sigh.

In our College life we are hoping that a spirit of true comradeship will prevail. We shall find that we have made a very serious mistake if we expect to discover perfection in each other. But true friendship that does not emphasize the failures but overlooks them or helps to overcome them will do much to add to the brightness and happiness of our life.

We trust that 1917 may prove the best year in our experience.

Last week was National Service Week here and pens were busy filling out the cards but the Holiday mails brought us welcome news from those who signed their cards with the sword.

## ROBERTSON COLLEGE

Mail has been received last week from Patterson, MacLean, Morrison, Knox, Beamish, Parker, and McKelvey. We have been thinking that perhaps in the columns of the affiliated Colleges letters from and to the matriculated students might receive a like attention as is so splendidly given to the undergrads elsewhere in the "Gateway".

Pte. J. McKelvey is perhaps our most regular correspondent among these men, but, to use one of his own Irishisms, his letters mainly consist of post-cards. The only address he has leisure to give us is simply "France" and we are in doubt sometimes if he is in receipt of our mail. Should this catch the eye of the brave "Choy" will he be good enough to send us his number and the name of his street, etc., in order that we may be "shure" he gets all our good wishes from this side of the "wather".

J. S. Kerr, familiarly and fondly known as "Slim", is in a Surrey hospital convalescing from his wounds. He hopes to back in the trenches in a short time. His letters though not numerous display his usual pep and vim. More ink to his trusty elbow!

Walter Allen is another boy whose Alma Mater wants him to write home oftener. We have not heard from him for a very long time.

Harry Bullock is now in England with his Battalion. He expects it to be broken up shortly and expects to go over in special draft to France in a week or two.

Lieut. G. E. Patterson writes from the Somme trenches where mud and rats have been his close companions for the past week. Lieut. M. M. MacLean is now at Reading, England, with the Seaforth Highlanders. Sgt. D. R. Knox has been on holiday in Scotland and reports a good time. Congratulations to him on his sergeantship! The medical authorities have declared that Parker must remain at the permanent base. Only those who know Parker can imagine what disappointment this is to him. He accepts his fate however philosophically, and his letter is the same happy compound of cheery good wishes and dire anathemas on those to whom these presents may come.

K.

## EXCHANGES

McGill University is establishing a course of lectures in the Russian language. Lectures are to commence early in January and will be continued to the class of the Session.

The entire freshman class of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons Toronto, has volunteered for service in the Canadian Army Dental Corps. It is es-

timated that nearly seventy five of these students will be accepted and dispatched to England in the early spring. The students in Arts and Sciences of the University of Toronto have been invited to participate in a special freshman class in connection with the Dental College, so that the one hundred and twenty sergeants required for the next dental corps draft to go overseas in the spring may be obtainable.

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## ATHLETICS

With the passing of that dear plum pudding and the justly celebrated mistletoe bough for another annum, interest in the sterner forms of athletics is beginning to revival again.

The basketball league has been remodelled and slightly pruned, with the promise of much faster stuff in the second portion than we were permitted to gaze upon during the first. With the dropping out of Scona High the Big Three are left to fight it out in what promises to be a very fast series. Manager Stanton has arranged to play these games at night in order not to conflict with the dates of the hockey club which has broken into the Intercollegiate League and promises to do well if practice form may be relied upon. The loyal rooters will thus be able to witness double wins on, we hope, several occasions during the next few weeks. The hockey club is directed by A. Talbot, and U. F. Seyer, who was elected manager at a meeting held on January 8th. With these capable officials and as much talent as has been seen, our entry should finish well up in the race.

The Rifle Club expects to get under way again very shortly and any who have not as yet joined are reminded that there is no time like the present.

The athletics executive have under consideration the formation of an inter-platoon hockey league and an announcement regarding this will be made shortly.

## "GATEWAIL"

In order that the general public may have some insight into the workings of the minds of various of our most prominent citizens at the New Year and perhaps profit somewhat thereby, we append below a few sample resolutions.

"To institute 'hashless days' every third Tuesday".

The University Dining Room "To conduct no more criminal investigations". "Judge" H-v-y.

"To leave the display of mustachios to those whose business in life it is to possess same." Bl-ck.

"To buy half interest in the American Dairy Lunch and save the profits". R.-ch-s.

"To buy the other half". Cl-etc

"To ask for both socks full next Xmas. Robert Gr-tz.

"To speak to one girl every day." A. D. Mc.

"To move to Pembina for peace and quietness". K.-ikp-tr-etc.

"To use face-powder instead

of talcum with the new puff" B-i-n-Br-w-n.

"To refer to her, for 1917, as my niece instead of my sister P-tt-ro-n.

"To quit rough-housing Foster." L-ngt-rd.

"To quit rough-housing Langford". F-st-r.

"To provide no more fruit-cake for the Aggies." Doc-F-sh.

"To take no more jitney-trips to St-Albert with out a write-up in the "Gateway". The resident freshettes.

"To get a hair cut'.

No. Five Platoon.

We ourselves also made a resolution and here it is; "to make no more remarks about, references to or alleged jokes upon, Doc F-sh during this term. Above you see his name in this column for the last time. Cry heartily ye lowers of the good old stock jest for it is gone forever.

An exclusive announcement. The five dollars in gold which was offered by the Pan to the person solving the mystery of the "Shielding Shadow" has been won by one of our own freshettes who very modestly asked us to withhold her name. She had been unable to figure it out until the eleventh episode, but while meditating upon that reel in her room Saturday night the solution suddenly occurred to her. The "Shielding Shadow" is none other than our own house committee in one of its inimitable disguises. The young lady reasoned from cause to effect much in this manner: the house committee has evidently gone somewhere and just as evidently it has not gone nowhere; the shielding shadow has come from somewhere, not nowhere; what then, is more natural than to conclude that they are one and the same. Manager Milligan evidently agreed and we understand that the whole five is to go to the "Freshettes-in-Residence Pop and Pie Fund". How unfortunate that the shadow could not engage in its own legitimate occupation of shielding Kirkpatrick and his bed.

And speaking of freshettes, who seem somehow to have pervaded this colyum this week to the exclusion of the Red Dears and sundry other fair, we remember hearing a theologue say to a colleague in the Fall, "there are a lot of freshettes here this year aren't there?" And the colleague (he must have been from Robertson) replied, "Yes, and the most of them are girls".

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## EDITORIALS.

We regret that Editor-in-Chief Alec. R. Belcher has been unable to return, and has resigned his post as Editor. We hope that improved health will permit his early return to Varsity. As Editor, he assumed charge last fall when many thought that the Gateway could not be continued successfully this war-year. Undaunted by such adverse criticism, he stood at the helm and has endeavored to see that a weekly appeared, of interest to students at home and to those on active service.

Previous to the Holidays, the Gateway posted on the bulletin board an appeal to the students to contribute articles. The response has been meagre. If each student would do his or her best to contribute, even one short article in the term, the Gateway could be improved:—Don't smile, it is up to you to do your bit.

On the front page will be found the first of a series of articles on alive questions of the day. We think this is a new departure on the part of the Gateway—going outside of the University for special articles from public men of the Province. We are sure the innovation shall meet with the approval of our readers and we hope it will be continued. Such work should tend to increase the interest of the public in the University and its work.

## "HOW MAY A UNIVERSITY STUDENT BEST SERVE THIS COUNTRY?"

The Gateway throws open its columns for the discussion of this question.

It will naturally fall under two headings:

1.—Service Abroad.

Many of our students have enlisted and from them we would like to hear the advantages and claims of their particular branch of the service so that other students may join that branch in which their services shall be of the greatest value to their country.

2.—Service in Canada.

Some students are unable to go on active service because of physical disabilities, and some would perhaps find it easier to join a unit with their pals than to remain when duty calls them. As for the women students, there is practically no avenue open to overseas service, but women everywhere are entering new fields of work for the Empire because of the war. From the students at home, we invite correspondence on this phase of the question.

It is a matter of regret that Mr. R. K. Colter, the popular President of the Students' Union, is not with us this term. We wish to offer Mr. Colter our best wishes for success as Principal of the Chipman School. At elections held Wednesday last, the Vice-President, Miss K. McCrimmon, was elected as President of the Union. Mr. W. T. Middleton was elected Vice-President. We are confident that the new officers will carry on the work of the year very successfully.



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### A SIDELIGHT ON CONDITIONS IN SWEDEN.

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erected splendid power stations where their old flour mill used to stand. They could now leisurely thresh their grain and mill it to flour, saw their wood and lumber, and besides have lights in all their premises.

But the war has influenced most of industries to a certain extent. Some are carried on with a feverish rush, while others are in a torpid state, the latter being the case with mining for export, the cause being, not lack of market, but lack of tonnage and shipping facilities. A ship loaded for export in the upper Baltic runs the chance of being sunk either by the Russians or by the Germans. The same is true in the case of lumber exported from the upper Baltic. Again all industries requiring copper, rubber, leather, sugar and oils find it very difficult to get raw material and are idle half the time.

As a contrast to this is the case of lumber, that can be exported from the west coast of Sweden, where the war risks are much less and ships can easily reach France or Great Britain. The price of such lumber has about doubled, and those interested are doing well. Charcoal has tripled in price, and is in great demand. Many a saw mill man turns his poorer grade lumber into charcoal and can thus afford shipping a longer distance on the railway, in order to reach a favourable shipping port.

A very noticeable feature in Sweden is the Banking system. The government owns and operates one bank called Sveriges Riksbank, and this bank is in competition with other banks and thus acts as a standard. Lately, by a new arrangement, all bills (paper money) are issued by this bank. In Canada, on the other hand, the government Bank (Post Office Bank) is virtually agreeing not to take up competition with chartered banks. The result is that the difference between 8% and 3½% goes to the banker for his trouble, while in Sweden this margin is reduced to the difference between 6% and 4½%. This has caused gold to rush in from other countries in quantities greater than is desired, and the Canadian and American money is "not in it" with the Swedish coins for a high rate of exchange.

The export of foodstuff (mostly to Germany) has caused the prices to soar away up, which benefits the farmer and producer, but has a reverse effect on the purchaser and consumer in Sweden. Cattle are sold for about double the normal price, and grain and flour with a 50%

raise. The abnormal living condition has caused the government to prohibit export of certain kinds of food material, and it is anticipated that soon all food export will have to be prohibited in order to avoid famine.

The greatest scarcity of articles of trade is noticed in rubber and leather. To hire an automobile is both costly and often impossible, because of the difficulty in securing tires. One outer tire sells as high as 400 kroner, (1 kr.=27c) thus it takes 1600 kr. for new tires. It is not unusual to hear an automobile owner expressing his views on the British in a less complimentary language. The export of rubber and copper in any form was forbidden under heavy penalties. The export of leather on the other hand was not as yet prohibited and leather sold at 12 to 15 kr. pr. kilo, or three times the normal price. A flourishing shoe industry had resulted from the war, but a movement was on foot to prohibit the export of both leather and shoes.

It appears that Sweden had difficulty at the beginning of the war in getting coal from Great Britain, and an agreement was made with Germany, whereby the latter was to receive a certain number of horses in exchange for coal and a promise not to sink a certain class of wood-laden steamers in the Baltic, making trips to Great Britain. The arrangement worked well until last summer when some five steamers under the agreement were sunk in a few days. Excuses were made that the submarine commanders acted without orders, but this was far from satisfactory to Sweden and negotiations were still in progress last September when we left Sweden.

E. S.

During the holidays the Soldiers Comfort Club have sent out two budgets of news edited by Professor Edwards. These were No 39 and No. 40. sent out in private letter form, along with an up-to-date Honor Roll. For the benefit of readers at home we cull a few items from these letters.

The 196th are to be made an officers Battalion and some 200 are already taking a school to qualify for commissions. Jack McClung is now a bomber. Of the six men who left about a year ago as a special O.T.C. draft, P. F. Yarwood is a Lieut. with a Manchester Batt. in France, H. J. Wilson and R. P. Forster are gazetted to the "Tanks", M. M. McLean has a commission in the Seaforth Highlanders, C. Ritson with the Essex Regt. in France, W. Draper has been transferred to the 32nd O.B. and hopes to get into the Canadian Engineers.



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## PERSONALS.

Mr. A. E. Cameron, M.Sc., who was lecturer in Mining Engineering, went to Ottawa recently to take a position with the Munitions Board. Mr. Cameron took an active interest in C.O.T.C. work, and was the popular commander of No. 1 Platoon.

Mr. F. I. Woodworth, who was taking graduate work has been offered an opportunity for advanced work in the University of Chicago. Mr. Woodworth was also on the staff of Alberta College. He and Mrs. Woodworth have removed to Chicago.

Rev. D. H. Telfer, B.A. '14, M.A. '15 and B.D. '16, now in charge of the Methodist Church at Carmangay, Alberta, recently became the proud possessor of the degree P.A. Congratulations.

Mr. Ray Slaughter, of last year's class, 3rd year Applied Sc., lately returned from the far north.

Mr. Chester Ronning, Arts, and Mr. K. L. G. Bailey, paid Varsity a call recently.

We regret that Miss Blanche Mitchell and Mr. Sylan Hillerud have been obliged to discontinue their studies for a time.

Mr. Reuben Sandin, B.A. '16, is again with us pursuing some further study, and is Assistant in Dept. of Soils.

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FROM THE NEWS LETTER  
No. 40.

Lieut. C. A. Grant, who went over with the 5th Univ. Co., and was wounded in action with the P.P.C.L.I. was in Edmonton for a few days.

Donald Black (Arts '19) of the 78th Depot Battery, was kicked by a horse (not his own, but an adjacent one) whilst out riding with the Headquarters party. The main bone of the leg is broken and also the leg was injured by the calks of the shoe. He is at present in the Ongwanda Military Hospital, Kingston, and would appreciate a line from any of you, I am sure.

C. A. Buck, (B.Sc. '16) is back from the North. He and Harold Read are working for a D.L.S. certificate.

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J. P. HARKIN.

E. D. Emery of the 11th F. Amb. reports that Lavallee contracted appendicitis and was sent to the C. C. S. Van Petten has gone to France. It is reported that Fred Peraton has been transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. R. I. Holies of the 138th has gone to the 46th in France.

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## SERVICE NEWS LETTER from SOLDIERS' COMFORT CLUB

No. 41 Jan. 12, 1917.  
Edited by W. Muir Edwards.

Letters this week are from Sergt. S. C. Ferguson (Dec. 2), Cadet F. R. Marshall (Dec. 22), Lieut. R. M. Martin (Dec. 18), Corp. Percy Young (Dec. 14), Mr. J. B. Kent (Dec. 25), Pte. C. B. Wilson (Dec. 15), also service card from F. T. Cook, acknowledging receipt of parcel and another "en route" card from "Somewhere on the East Coast" from Lieut. L. B. Brown of the 187th. L. B. is surely taking a long time to get up that gang plank.

Several of the letters this week and last refer to the safe arrival of the Xmas remembrance from the University. Possibly a word as to those to whom special credit is due in this regard would not be amiss. Some time before Xmas Mrs. Tory asked me if the Comfort Club were planning anything in the way of an Xmas remembrance, and as they were not, Mrs. Tory called some of the girl graduates together and proposed the matter. It looked somewhat big, but they decided to undertake the project. As will be appreciated, there were many willing hands and hearts necessary to its final accomplishment, and so the remembrance comes from the members of Convocation and undergraduates who financed the scheme and from the group of girls who undertook the preparation of the boxes and their packing and mailing. Amongst so many it would be invidious to mention names, and so I might just say that with Mrs. Tory as general convenor, Miss Helen Montgomery and Miss Clara May Bell were the convenors of the Boxes Committee, whilst Miss Jessie Montgomery looked after the necessary circularizing and clerical work in the raising of funds. So far as possible I have conveyed to these your ex-

pressions of appreciation in the letters which find their way to me as editor of the News Letter. I also wish to acknowledge receipt of a further gift of \$5.00 towards Comfort Club expenses from Mr. J. B. Kent of Iowa, U.S.A., whose son Lieut. Kent of the 49th was wounded, as already noted, but is now o.k., and on duty in the Intelligence Department.

W. A. McKay, who went over with the 89th O.B. went to France to join the 16th Bn. and was wounded, has been back in Calgary for some time. I have had the pleasure of seeing Lieut. J. W. Markle several times at the Convalescent Hospital on the University grounds. He is improving steadily and hopes to be round again soon. Sarcee jokes on the professorial Contingent who invaded the neutral territory this summer are still coming in. The latest is reported by Lieut. Hosford who finished his course at the Provisional School just before Xmas. It is to the effect that one day in one of his classes, the lecturer, evidently thinking that the class were not applying themselves in a way that the subject called for, exclaimed "See here, I would like you to know that I had a couple of those Professors from the University taking this course with me this summer and they said that they had never worked so hard in their life"—then as an afterthought—"and they didn't learn such a—lot at that."

I hear that the latest reports from England give a new interpretation to a D.C.M., i.e. Decent Canadian Meal. It is said that the official and unofficial versions are equally hard to obtain. J. N. McDonald (B.Sc. '15) is down at Camrose Normal School. The University students who take military training in lieu of physical education, together with the members of the O.T.C., were inspected by Brigadier-General Cruickshank on Thursday afternoon. The

inspection passed off very successfully, about 62 in all with a full complement of N.C.O.'s and officers being on parade. Now that belts and bayonets are provided as well as rifles and uniforms, the force makes quite a martial appearance.

C. B. Wilson's parcel evidently arrived o.k. After expressing his appreciation, he says in part: "Since writing you last, Barney Lopton has been granted special leave for his work while up the line during our last trip in, and as I write this he will now be enjoying himself in 'Blighty.' So you see the Alberta boys are holding their own in the honour list in the war. I received my first issues of the Gateway this week. It is very interesting to me to read of all the work which is being carried out there. Term tests will not annoy me this year, and it will not be on account of them that I lose my sleep. But it is the Hun who keeps me awake since this telephone must have some one on it all the time." Percy Young of the 50th Bn. writes: "Yesterday I was about to write, but put off the day of evil for you hoping for news of Corp. 'Red' Logan. Last night news came—previously reported missing now wounded. Better news of the best of comrades I did not hope for. Long since you will have had news of Mr. McNally. He was wounded in the face (shrapnel I believe) on Nov. 18th. Not long ago I saw Hollies and Whittaker (both of the 46th). Neither knew how Ferguson was, but reported him sick and in hospital. Neither the News Letter nor the Gateway has come to me direct for some weeks. A copy of the Gateway (Nov. 7) has been forwarded to me by some friend. On a very warm sector of the front the Y.M.C.A. has won the appreciation of many of us as never before. Concerts, writing tents, reading rooms and stores are mostly found pretty well out of the shell area but stalls where hot coffee, cocoa and biscuits

are given generously to the boys coming out of the trenches are not all bomb proof. One stall with coffee, for wounded only, is surprisingly close up. One needs to do a tour of duty in the trenches under stress of constant helling and in mud and cold to appreciate a cup of hot conco to the full. A coffee stall often looks like a little bit of heaven to wet, weary men as they drag themselves back over the hard roads from the line to rest. After that effusion I hardly need say I am quite well." Lieut. R. M. Martin of the 1st Can. Tun. Co. writes: "Have tried to get down to write on several occasions. It is so cold these days that it is not an easy matter to thaw out and write. I got some Xmas parcels from home today and I suddenly realized that time is flying and that I am spending my second Xmas in Flandres. Our H. Q. camp is on the identical spot that I was camped on this time last year. There is not as much mud, though. We have drained the ground and built walks. I am going into the trenches tomorrow and will likely eat my Xmas turkey (?) up there. There is a lot of activity here just now and it is getting exciting in our line of business. The 'moles' are getting in some good work. I think we have the Hun on toast now, though he tried to get us last night, but it was only what we call a 'windy blow.' He will have his 'wind up' a lot more before we are finished with him." Floyd Marshall writes from London: "May I thank the committee in charge and all the good friends for their kind thoughts and much-appreciated gift, which was forwarded to me from France. Also may I ask you to kindly change my address to — Cadet R. F. Marshall, 17th Reserve Battery, R.F.A., Tapsham Barracks, Exeter. I am taking a course here prior to receiving a commission in the Artillery. Thanking you for all the good work, that helps to keep the blues away."